



La Porte PD SWAT arrests registered sex offender in undercover operation



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LA PORTE, Texas – A 33-year-old registered sex offender was arrested Monday night after he was accused of communicating with what he believed was a 13-year-old.

According to the La Porte Police Department, Marlon Garcia, of Pasadena, was arrested by members of LPPD's SWAT team, who were called in to assist Internet Crimes Against Children undercover investigators.

Investigators said Garcia had been engaging in explicit and profane communication exchanges with whom he believed was an underage girl.

When Garcia arrived at a La Porte apartment complex with the intent of meeting with the girl, LPPD surrounded him and took him into custody for the ICAC investigators.

Garcia was charged with felony solicitation of a child, which was enhanced to a second-degree felony based on his physically showing up to meet the perceived 13-year-old.